# FIS Meeting Entrance Survey

***Instructions:***
Please circle all answers that are relevant to each question (except where indicated).  For open-ended questions and comments, feel free to write as much as you want, continuing on the back, if necessary.

1. What are your expectations for this conference/meeting?
   a. To get a greater understanding of the overall FIS approach
   b. To participate in building the framework for FIS
   c. Contribute to subject matter specific workgroups (PSG)
   d. To see what other regions are doing with regard to data capture and metadata
   e. To share our practices because we have done something that we are proud of
   f. Just wanted to get out of the office
   g. Other _____
   h. Don't know/no opinion

2. What are some examples of the "successes" that your region has implemented that allows for effective data management?
   a. Improved the information basis for fisheries management across all species
   b. Integrated information collected under fishery management plans
   c. Reduced/eliminated redundancy in data collection
   d. Applied greater standardization of information, which supports daily business operations and reduces data/database diversity
   e. Greater collaboration and sharing of information within region
   f. Timely response to management reports
   g. Other _____
   h. Don't know/no opinion

3. What are some of the critical issues with regard to data collection, management and information sharing that your region is currently experiencing?
   a. Lack of management support
   b. Lack of funding
   c. Lack of resources (explain) _____
   d. Lack of technical expertise
   e. Redundant Data
   f. Data gaps (missing data)
   g. Poor data quality/lack of standards
   h. Accessibility to and timeliness of data
   i. Burdensome data collection process
   j. Other _____
   k. Don't know/no opinion

   3a. What are you currently doing to address these critical issues?
   _____
   _____

   3b. How else might you see these issues being resolved?
   a. Better technology
   b. Application of data standards/metadata
   c. National FIS implementation and support
   d. More resources (personnel and financial)
   e. Increased management support
   f. Other _____
   g. Don't know/no opinion

4. FIS is _____ in achieving regional and national NMFS goals and objectives.
   a. Very Important
   b. Important
   c. Somewhat Important
   d. Not Important
   e. Don't know/no opinion

5. In order to call FIS a "success", what needs to happen?
    a. Increased inter-region and national cooperation
    b. Increased quality and completeness of fishery data
    c. Increased efficiency in methods of data collection and management
    d. Other _____
    e. Don't know/no opinion

6. In your opinion, what would cause FIS to fail or breakdown?
    a. Lack of measurable deliverables
    b. Lack of communication (i.e. lack of updates and the opportunity to participate)
    c. Diminishing management support
    d. Lack of interest
    e. Lack of funding
    f. Lack of collaboration
    g. Other: _____
    h. Don't know/no opinion

7. As a result of FIS, data collection, integration and sharing will be greatly improved by:
    a. Allowing faster and greater access to data
    b. Delivering more detailed and accurate data
    c. Allowing fishery regions to capitalize on new technology
    d. Improving the knowledge and understanding of data holdings
    e. Reduction of redundant and duplicate data
    f. All of the above
    g. None of the above
    h. Other _____
    i. Don't know/no opinion

8. How strongly do you agree/disagree with the following statement?
   **FIS will enable better decision-making on critical issues by NMFS.**

    a. Strongly agree
    b. Agree
    c. Disagree
    d. Strongly Disagree
    e. Don't know/no opinion

    f. Comments _____
    _____
    g. Don't know/no opinion

9. Is your region currently in compliance with, or working towards complance to, the 2001 Data Quality Act?
    a. Yes
    b. No
    c. Don't know/no opinion

        9a. If yes, how? _____
        _____

10. What does FIS represent to you?
    a. Improved data quality
    b. Collaboration between regions
    c. An improved approach to data collection and management
    d. Other _____
    e. Don't know/no opinion